

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application in light of the claim amendments. Claims 31-48 and 65-70 are deleted without prejudice. Claims 71-95 are newly added.

Interview Summary

On January 7, 2010, the Examiner and applicants' attorney discussed the rejection of claim 36. No agreement was reached.

In addition, the Examiner also indicated that some aspects may render the claims allowable. Those aspects are in paragraphs [0032] and [0036] of applicants' originally filed specification.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claims 31-33, 37, 41-48 and 65-70 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Logan et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,732,216).

Claims 38-40 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Logan et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,732,216) in view of Hertz et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,758,257). Claims 34-36 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Logan et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,732,216) in view of Williams et al. (International Publication Number WO 1997/047135).

Rejections of those claims is moot because those claims were deleted without prejudice.

New Claims

New claims 71-95 are supported by applicants' originally filed specification and claims. Applicants believe no new matter is added. New claims 71-95 include aspects, for example, from paragraphs [0032] and [0036] of applicants' originally filed specification, which Examiner indicated would be likely allowable over the references cited to reject claims 31-33, 37, 41-48 and 65-70. Accordingly, allowance of the new claims is requested.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks set forth above.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at **703-633-6873**.

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